CONSTITUTION OF THE BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS (Radio Station WMUA) - as adopted by vote of the membership at Station Meeting of May 10, 1965.

Article I, Name

The name of this organization shall be the Broadcasting Association of the University of Massachusetts.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this organization is to serve the students and campus community by providing education, news, campus communication, and entertainment and to provide opportunities for experience in the practical operation of a radio broadcasting station.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. There shall be four classes of membership

A. Active Membership
Active membership shall be open to undergraduate student of the University of Massachusetts who have fulfilled all training and participation requirements as contained in the by-laws of the Association. Only active members may vote.

B. Associate Membership
Associate Membership shall be open to all other persons who hold valid University of Massachusetts I.D. cards and who have fulfilled all training and participation requirements.

C. Intern Membership
Intern Membership shall designate all persons who have not fulfilled training and participation requirements. All persons who are in the progress of fulfilling training and participation requirements shall be designated Intern Menbers.

D. Honorary Membership
Honorary Membership shall be open to those persons specifically designated by the Station Policy Board.

Section 2. Former active members may be reinstated by the station Management Board.

Article IV. Station Government

Section 1. Policy Board

A. To govern overall long-range Association policy there shall be a Policy Board composed of the five elected officers and the five elected advisors. All members of Policy Board shall have an equal vote.

B. Policy Board shall approve the appointed officers upon recommendation of the elected officers.

C. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and posted. Such minutes shall become the official records of the Association

D. A Student Senate representative shall be welcome at and notified of all Policy Board meetings.

E. Any action by policy board may be over-ruled by vote of station. At least 3/4 members at a meeting.

Section 2. Station Management Board

A. Operational and personnel problems shall be decided by Station Management Board which shall consist of all elected and appointed station officers. Any decisions of Management Board may be overruled by Policy Board. The five elected officers and five appointed officers listed in Article V., Section 4 shall have a vote.

B. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and posted within forty-eight hours after the meeting. Such minutes become the official records of the Association.

Section 3. The Station Manager shall chair Policy Board, Station Management Board, and the Station meetings.

Article V. Officers and Advisors

Section 1. There shall be five elected officers elected by a majority vote of the station meeting. Any officer may succeed himself.

A. Station Manager - shall coordinate all station activities and shall be responsible that all station operations be in conformity with FCC regulations, that the by-laws and the constitution and formal policy as established by the Policy Board be followed and enforced. Thus the Station Manager shall be the chief executive of the Station.

B. Assistant Station Manager - shall assume the responsibilities of the Station Manager in his absence and shall be personnel director of the Station.

C. Program Director - shall see that all programs are in conformity with FCC regulations and are in the accepted standards of good taste.

D. Business Manager - shall supervise all financial transactions and all books, records, and inventories of the Station.

E. Chief Manager - shall see that all equipment is operating in conformity with FCC regulations and good engineering practice.

Section 2. There shall be five advisors, all of whom shall be members of the professional staff of the University. Their term of office shall be concurrent with the terms of the elected officers. Any advisor may succeed himself.

Section 3. At least one of the officers or advisors must hold a minimum of a second class FCC license.

Section 4. There shall be at least the following appointed officers:

A. Chief Announcer - shall train and maintain a staff of announcers.

B. Chief Record Librarian - shall be responsible for cataloging all new records and the maintenance of the record library.

C. Publicity Director - shall be responsible for all station publicity.

D. Director of Technical Training - shall be responsible for all training in the technical operation of the station.

E. Special Productions Director - shall be responsible for those shows not included in the regular format of the Association.

Article VI. Elections

Section 1. Time of elections

A. The annual election of officers and advisors shall be held in March.

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Section 2. Nomination Committee

A. There shall be a nominating committee consisting of the five elected officers, the five advisors, and three elected station members.

B. The nominating committee shall present to the Station Membership at least one nomination for each elective office and faculty advisor position.
C. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor of the Station Meeting.
D. Election to an office requires a majority vote of the quorum of the Broadcasting Association, voting by a secret ballot.

Section 3. Vacant Offices
A. Whenever the office of Station Manager becomes vacant between regular elections, the Assistant Station Manager shall become Station Manager and shall vacate his previous Office.
B. If any other elective office becomes vacant between regular elections, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy. Nominations for such an election shall come only from the floor.
C. The Station Manager shall have the power to fill vacant elective offices by temporary appointment until elections can be held.

Article VII. Meetings
Section 1 Station Meetings
A. The Broadcasting Association shall hold at least seven regularly scheduled meetings per year, no two of which shall be in the same month.
B. Special meetings of the Association may be called by the Station Manager at such times as are thought advisable, or by a majority vote of the Station Management Board, or by a petition of twenty-five percent of the Active Membership.
C. A quorum shall be a simple majority of the total number of active members of the Association.
D. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded and posted. Such minutes shall become the official records of the Association.

Section 2. Policy Board Meetings
A. Meetings of Policy Board may be called by the Chairman of the Board or by any two members upon giving reasonable notice to the entire board.
B. A quorum of Policy Board shall consist of at least six members of the Board.

Section 3. Station Management Board meetings shall be held at least once every two weeks.

Section 4. Reference authority for all questioned procedures at all meetings shall be this Constitution, its amendments and by-laws, and Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

Article VIII. Complaints against members and officers

Section 1. Station members
Any complaint against a station member may be brought before the Station Management Board. The member shall have the right to defend his position before a quorum of the Station Management Board. Action can only be taken by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Station Management Board. The member may be temporarily suspended from active participation by the Station Manager until the complaint has been resolved at the next Station Management Board meeting.

Section 2. Officers

Upon a majority of the Station Management Board or Policy Board or upon a petition of fifty percent of the entire membership of the Association a motion of recall against any elected officer may be presented at the next Station Meeting. Notification of a petition or recall must be presented at least ten days before the Station Meeting. A motion of recall will require at least a fifty percent vote of the entire station membership or a three-fourths vote of the station members at the meeting, whichever is greater.

Article IX. Adoption of this constitution

This constitution, after approval by a majority vote of the Policy Board, shall be presented to the Station Membership at a regular station meeting. It then must be tabled for at least one week, after which a two-thirds vote of the membership shall be required for approval. It shall be considered in effect and shall supercede all previous documents from the date of its ratification by the Student Senate.

Article X. Amendments

Any proposed amendment to this Constitution after approval of a majority vote of Policy Board, shall be presented to the Station Membership at a regular station meeting. It then must be tabled for at least one week, after which a two-thirds vote of the membership shall be required for approval. It then shall be considered in effect from the date of its ratification by the Student Senate.

Article XI. By-laws

By-laws may be proposed by any member of the Broadcasting Association and will become effective upon receiving a simple majority vote of the Policy Board and a simple majority vote of the Station Menbership.